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TAGS: PARM, TECH, IAEA

SUBJECT: DRAFT CONVENTION ON PHYSICAL PROTECTION OF
NUCLEAR MATERIAL

REF: (A) IAEA 1763 (B) STATE 36745

1. WE WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT ON SEVERAL ITEMS RAISED IN
REF (A).

2. AS INDICATED IN PARA 1 OF REF (B), INITIAL ROUND OF
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EXPLORATORY APPROACHES." THIS IS CONSISTENT WITH THE SECRETARY'S TESTIMONY ON MARCH 9 BEFORE THE SENATE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE THAT "WE ARE PURSUING OUR PROPOSAL OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION, SETTING STANDARDS TO PROTECT THE PHYSICAL SECURITY OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS, THAT MIGHT SERVE TO FACILITATE INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION AND GREATER UNIFORMITY OF PRACTICE IN THIS AREA." IT WOULD BE GOING TOO FAR TO CHARACTERIZE THE CONSULTATIONS AS "IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE AN EFFORT U.S. HAS INITIATED AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS."

3. POSITION TO TAKE ON RELATION TO OTHER IAEA WORK IS SET FORTH PARA 5(H) OF REF (B).

4. POSITION TO TAKE ON RELATIONSHIP TO LONDON SUPP-

LIERS GROUP IS SET FORTH PARA 5(G) OF REF (B).

5. POSITION TO TAKE ON FUTURE COURSE OF ACTION IS SET FORTH IN PARAS 5(E), (F) AND (G) AND FYI IN PARA. 3 OF REF (B).

6. WHILE WE AGREE WITH MISSION THAT IAEA SECRETARIAT SHOULD BE BROUGHT INTO THE PICTURE AT EARLY TIME, WE THINK THAT THIS SHOULD OCCUR ONLY AFTER WE HAVE COMPLETED FIRST ROUND OF CONFIDENTIAL DISCUSSION PER REF (B) AND HAVE FORMED BETTER ASSESSMENT OF WHERE THIS INITIATIVE MIGHT GO, BOTH FROM PROCEDURAL AND SUBSTANTIVE VIEWPOINT. KISSINGER

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